

Summer Reading Updates

CSLP Updates – 2019 Manuals & Online Shop

Karen Day at the Collaborative Summer Library Program contacted CSLP state reps to advise that production delays have slowed down the release of the 2019 “A Universe of Stories” manuals. We are hopeful that Kentucky manuals will arrive next week, and will be available for pick up beginning with the [Youth Services Retreat](#) at ECU.

Meanwhile, the CSLP shopping site (online catalog) is operational. You can begin viewing and placing orders for any 2019 program materials. To get to the shopping site, either log in to the CSLP website (www.csllpreads.org) with your user name and password, or go directly to the shopcsllp.com site. (If any libraries have problems with their logins, please contact the CSLP offices.)

Program Resources from STARNet

CSLP and the Space Science Institute’s Science-Technology Activities and Resources Library Network (STAR Net) are partnering to share **science-and technology-related activities and resources** to libraries across the nation, in conjunction with the 2019 “A Universe of Stories” space themed SLP.

STAR Net encourages libraries to register on its website for priority access to science materials from NASA and a variety of other sources, automatic entry for a chance to win 1 of 2 FREE Orion StarBlast Telescopes, and library representation on STAR Net’s “Year of Space” map.

Learn more and register your library: www.starnetlibraries.org/universe-of-stories

Download free program activities (no registration required): www.starnetlibraries.org/universe-of-stories/#programming-resources

New KDLA Resources

These kits are now available at KDLA. To reserve [these](#) kits, use the Kit Request Form at <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/askalibrarian/Pages/KitRequest.aspx>. Please have alternate titles and/or dates in case what you request is unavailable.

[Piecing Me Together](#) by Renee Watson

Acclaimed author Renee Watson offers a powerful story about a girl striving for success in a world that too often seems like it's trying to break her. Jade believes she must get out of her poor neighborhood if she's ever going to succeed. Her mother tells her to take advantage of every opportunity that comes her way. And Jade has: every day she rides the bus away from her friends and to the private school where she feels like an outsider, but where she has plenty of opportunities. But some opportunities she doesn't really welcome, like an invitation to join Women to Women, a mentorship program for "at-risk" girls. Just because her mentor is black and graduated from the same high school doesn't mean she understands where Jade is coming from. She's tired of being singled out as someone who needs help, someone people want to fix. Jade wants to speak, to create, to express her joys and sorrows, her pain and her hope. Maybe there are some things she could show other women about understanding the world and finding ways to be real, to make a difference. For grades 7 +

[We Are Okay](#) by Nina LaCour

Marin hasn't spoken to anyone from her old life since the day she left everything behind. No one knows the truth about those final weeks. Not even her best friend, Mabel. But even thousands of miles away from the California coast, at college in New York, Marin still feels the pull of the life and tragedy she's tried to outrun. Now, months later, alone in an emptied dorm for winter break, Marin waits. Mabel is coming to visit, and Marin will be forced to face everything that's been left unsaid and finally confront the loneliness that has made a home in her heart. For grades 9+

Have questions? Contact KDLA by emailing "Ask a Librarian" at <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/askalibrarian/Pages/InformationRequest.aspx>.

Kentucky Libraries in the News**Kentucky Librarian awarded Outstanding Educator of the Year by KAEE**

Congratulations are in order for Kenton County Librarian, Jennifer Beach (Erlanger) recognized by the national office for Project Learning Tree as the Outstanding PLT Educator of the Year in Kentucky. Jennifer often promotes Project Learning Tree (PLT) at the state and local levels by presenting at library events and conferences. She also writes blog posts that often highlight environmental education and her work with PLT and public school children. Jennifer is currently serving her second term on the Board of Directors for the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education. Jennifer is one of three people in the state that has received the KY Early Childhood and Education Training Credential with an Environmental Education Specialty. Jennifer also provides trainings at the library for local school teachers and has successfully formed partnerships with other entities such as Boone County Extension Service and Northern Kentucky University to co-facilitate trainings at the library, bringing high quality professional development to educators in her community. She has made the environment a fundamental part of her community education work at the library and uses PLT as the vehicle by which she engages youth and adults. For more, see the attached press release.

Grant & Scholarship Opportunities

Strengthening Communities Through Libraries minigrant program and toolkit

ALSC has received a Youth Literacy grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to help libraries provide out-of-school time STEAM learning for children. ALSC will award fourteen \$5,000 Strengthening Communities Through Libraries minigrants to ALSC personal members in public libraries whose libraries are within 20 miles of a Dollar General corporate or retail location. In addition to the minigrants, ALSC will also develop supplemental resources that will be made widely available to support the out-of-school time programming of libraries and their community partners. This is the third year ALSC will use its grant funds to support out-of-school time STEAM programming.

You must be a personal member of ALSC to apply for the grant.

Anyone may download a free toolkit, **Librarian Toolkit for Developing STEAM Learning Opportunities during Out-of-School Time**, developed in conjunction with this grant. ALSC membership is not required for download and use of the toolkit.

To access both the grant application and the toolkit:

www.ala.org/alsc/aboutalsc/external-relationships/grntpartnerships

ALA News

YALSA 2018 Teens' Top Ten Announced!

1. ***Turtles All the Way Down*** by John Green. Dutton/Penguin. 9780525555360.
2. ***One of Us is Lying*** by Karen M. McManus. Delacorte/Random House. 9781524714680.
3. ***Warcross*** by Marie Lu. G. P. Putnam's Sons/Penguin. 9780399547966.
4. ***Wonder Woman: Warbringer*** by Leigh Bardugo. Random House. 9780399549731.
5. ***Caraval*** by Stephanie Garber. Flatiron. 9781250095251.
6. ***Long Way Down*** by Jason Reynolds. Caitlyn Dlouhy Books/Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster. 9781481438254.
7. ***I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*** by Erika L. Sánchez. Knopf/Random House. 9781524700485.
8. ***Paper Hearts*** by Ali Novak. Sourcebooks Fire. 9781492653363.
9. ***Strange the Dreamer*** by Laini Taylor. Little, Brown and Company. 9780316341684.
10. ***Once and For All*** by Sarah Dessen. Viking/Penguin. 9780425290330.

Did your favorites make the cut? You can find the full [annotated list](#) of winners and the announcement [video](#) on the Teens' Top Ten [site](#). Thanks for encouraging your teens to vote!

Training Spotlight

A project of OCLC Research in support of professional learning, WebJunction provides a variety of free, self-paced online courses and webinars. WebJunction's recent newsletter spotlights three offerings of interest to children's services folks:

Supercharged Storytimes

www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/new-course-supercharged-storytimes.html

The program's core curriculum covers foundational early literacy concepts (oral language, phonological awareness, print awareness/concepts, letter knowledge, vocabulary, and background knowledge) and aligns with other library training that educates parents and caregivers about their role in supporting early literacy.

Accompanying the Young Reader

learn.webjunction.org/course/search.php?search=accompanying+the+young+reader

This course is designed for teachers, librarians, and parents who are helping beginning readers choose books to read. As professionals we can fine tune this process before it begins, eliminate much of the frustration, and offer the learner appropriate choices that will get them into actually reading books while they still want to.

From Tots to Teens: STE(A)M-powered Ideas for Programming

learn.webjunction.org/course/search.php?search=tots+to+teens

Whether you're already full steam ahead with STE(A)M programming in your library, or not sure how to get started, or somewhere in between, there's something for you in this webinar. Find out what to look for in a good program and learn top picks for programs for each age range. Learn some tips, tricks and useful resources.

WebJunction also offers many other learning opportunities for children's and teen services. Start here to find them: learn.webjunction.org/course/index.php

All courses require free registration on the WebJunction website.

Important Dates/State & National Conferences

[YAS Book Con](#): **October 19**, Western Kentucky University

[KDLA Youth Services Retreat](#): **October 29 & 30**, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond

[National Picture Book Month](#): **November**

[National Family Literacy Day](#): **November 1**

[YALSA Symposium](#): **November 2-4**, Utah

[ALA International Games Week](#): **November 4-10**

[2018 OKI Children's Literature Conference](#): **November 3**, Thomas More College (Crestview Hills, KY)

[Kentucky Storytelling Conference](#): **November 16-17**, Owensboro

[1st Annual Kentucky Book Festival](#): **November 12-17**, Lexington

[37th Annual Kentucky Book Fair](#): **November 17**, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington

Kentucky Public Library Association Spring Conference: March 27-29, Marriott Griffin Gate, Lexington

**Featuring National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, Jacqueline Woodson!*

Read the latest conversation with Woodson over at Publishers Weekly:

[Reading = Hope x Change: Jacqueline Woodson](#)

Just for fun...

Best Halloween Picture Books (an Entirely Subjective List) via [Fuse #8 Blog](#)

But what about "[Go Away, Big Green Monster](#)" or "[At the Old Haunted House](#)"?

What are your favorites? Post to KYAC!